

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Takanobu IHARA

Title: PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE  
SYSTEM

Appl. No.: 09/551,547

Filing Date: 4/18/2000

Examiner: T. Gesesse

Art Unit: 2684

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

|                                                      | Claims<br>As<br>Amende<br>d | Previously<br>Paid For | =  | Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | x | Rate    | =                | Additional<br>Claims Fee |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----|----------------------------|---|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims:                                        | 28                          | -                      | 28 | =                          | 0 |         |                  | \$0.00                   |
| Independents:                                        | 2                           | -                      | 3  | =                          | 0 | x       | \$86.00          | = \$0.00                 |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                             |                        |    | +                          |   | \$290.0 | =                | \$0.00                   |
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|                                                      |                             |                        |    |                            |   |         | CLAIMS FEE TOTAL | = \$0.00                 |

[ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|                                                           |                                             |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:  | \$110.00                                    | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$420.00                                    | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:  | \$950.00                                    | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,480.00                                  | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:  | \$2,010.00                                  | \$0.00 |
|                                                           | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                        | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):     | \$110.00                                    | \$0.00 |
|                                                           | CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: | \$0.00 |
| [ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):        |                                             | \$0.00 |
|                                                           | TOTAL FEE:                                  | \$0.00 |

[ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.

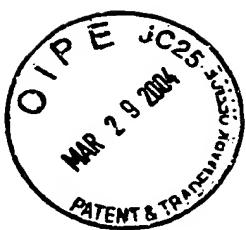
[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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I hereby certify that the following paper(s) and/or fee along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.111
3. Return Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

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March 24, 2004  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: